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FRG FONOFF HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING REPORT FROM FRG AMBASSADOR
FISCHER IN BRAZZAVILLE:

QUOTE: ON APRIL 11 I INFORMED MFA GENERAL SECRETARY BOUNKOULOU
OF THE WILLINGNESS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS
ON A POSSIBLE NORMALIZATION OF BILATERAL RELATIONS. AT THE SAME
TIME, I PASSED TO HIM A NOTE VERBALE ALONG LINES (REF A). THE
GENERAL SECRETARY SAID "THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES" WOULD HAVE TO
DECIDE. BUT HIS GREAT INTEREST (IN THE CASE) WAS SHOWN BY HIS
READINESS TO RECEIVE ME AT ONCE WHEN I REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT.
THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE POLITBURO, CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT
WILL IN ANY CASE, HOWEVER, TAKE A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OF TIME,
ON THE BASIS OF PAST EXPERIENCE. END QUOTE. UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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